

REMARKS

Claims 4-8, 11, 13, 15, and 16, and amended claims 1-3, 9-10, 12, and 14 are in this application.

Claims 11 and 15 were allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 1-10, 12-14, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikuchi et al. (U.S. 6,553,180).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"in which said file data stored in said plurality of storage media are read alternately so that said image data are continuously regenerated."

It is respectfully submitted that Kikuchi as applied by the Examiner does not disclose the above feature of claim 1. It is respectfully noted that in the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter presented in the present Office Action with regard to claim 11, the Examiner stated that Kikuchi et al "fail to explicitly disclose an information regenerating unit, where the information regenerating unit further comprises control means . . . in which the compressed image file data stored in the plurality of the storage media are read alternately so that the image data are continuously regenerated." (See first paragraph of page 9 of the present Office Action.)

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from Kikuchi as applied by the Examiner.

Claims 2-10, 12-14, and 16 are dependent from claim 1. As such, claims 2-10, 12-14, and 16 are believed to be

distinguishable from Kikuchi as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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